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USING THE SAME, AND DYE-SENSITIZED PHOTOVOLTAIC CELL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copies of three Communications from the Australian Patent Office in counterpart applications citing the listed documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Applicant also encloses English translations of JP H09-328307 and JP2003-055649.

Applicant submits WO 2004/097871 as a corresponding international application of AU 2004235426 and EP 1551036 as a corresponding European application of AU 2003268729.

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